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SUBJ: AVAILABILITY OF AVIATION FUEL IN JAPAN

REF: TOKYO 16512

1. PAN AM/TOKYO REP GAVE EMBASSY FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF
INFORMATION CONVEYED BY JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU (JCAB)
TO FOREIGN AIR CARRIERS AT MEETING HELD DECEMBER 21:

(A) JCAB ANTICIPATES THAT SUPPLIES OF AVIATION FUEL IN
JAPAN WILL BE REDUCED BEGINNING IN JANUARY, BUT EXTENT OF
ACTUAL CUTBACK NOT YET KNOWN.

(B) MAY BE NECESSARY FOR GOJ TO ESTABLISH JET FUEL
ALLOCATION PROGRAM UNDER AUTHORITY OF NEW PETROLEUM SUPPLY
ADJUSTMENT LAW.

(C) IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE ALLOCATION PROGRAM, AIRLINES
WERE ASKED TO REPORT PAST RECORD OF MONTHLY PURCHASES OF
AVIATION FUEL IN JAPAN FOR PERIOD APRIL 1972 THROUGH OCTOBER
1973, AND ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS FOR MONTHS OF JANUARY,
FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1974. REPORTS OF ACTUAL PURCHASES ALSO
REQUESTED FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 1973 AND FOR FUTURE
MONTHS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. DATA TO BE BROKEN DOWN TO
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REFLECT FUEL USED FOR SCHEDULED AND CHARTER PASSENGER

SERVICES AND SCHEDULED AND CHARTER CARGO FLIGHTS.

(D) CARRIERS ALSO WERE ASKED TO BE PREPARED AT LATER DATE TO REPORT NAMES OF THEIR SUPPLIERS AND AMOUNTS OF FUEL PURCHASED IN JAPAN FROM BONDED AND DOMESTIC STOCKS.

2. JCAB OFFICIAL (TOYA, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION) CONFIRMED FOREGOING BUT EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF THAT NO FINAL DECISIONS HAD YET BEEN MADE CONCERNING JET FUEL PROBLEM. HE SAID JCAB FEARS THERE WILL BE A SUPPLY SHORT-FALL IN JANUARY BUT SITUATION THEREAFTER IS STILL TOO CLOUDY TO PERMIT ANY FURTHER PROJECTIONS. HE INDICATED THAT SOME FORM OF ALLOCATION --EITHER MANDATORY OR UNDER ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE -- PROBABLY WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR MONTH OF JANUARY. IF ALLOCATION PROGRAM ESTABLISHED, TOYA SAID IT WAS LIKELY THAT IT WOULD INCLUDE A SYSTEM OF PRIORITIES WITH SCHEDULED SERVICES RECEIVING FIRST PREFERENCE AND CHARTER OPERATIONS SECOND PREFERENCE. ON VERY TENTATIVE BASIS, HE THOUGHT SUPPLIES FOR SCHEDULED SERVICES IN JANUARY 1974 MIGHT HAVE TO BE CUT BY 10-15 PERCENT OF JANUARY 1973 LEVELS AND SUPPLIES FOR CHARTER SERVICES BY SOMEWHAT MORE.
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